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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

STAT FROM: [redacted]
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - September 1985

I. GENERAL

The concerted effort to drive down the value of the U.S. dollar in foreign exchange markets starting in late September has had a significant impact on the dollar-yen rate. The dollar fell from 242 yen in early September to 215 yen by 1 October as Japan, the United States and major Western allies sold dollars in large volumes. The bureau is reviewing its 1986 budget, computed at 225 yen to the dollar, to determine if additional funding is required. As of now the dollar is at its lowest rate against the yen since 1981 and will probably fall further.

STAT The long-term future of Hong Kong Bureau and the potential impact on Okinawa's operations were discussed during the 13-17 September TDY to Okinawa by Hong Kong Bureau Chief [redacted] has forwarded a paper to Headquarters on the future of Hong Kong Bureau after 1997 and Okinawa Bureau has sent its comments.

STAT More than one-fourth of the bureau staff received introductory computer training on the IBM PC from [redacted] from 14-28 September. Students from each major section attended daily afternoon and evening sessions, with several senior monitors and supervisors getting training on Multimate wordprocessing. Heavy stress was laid on courses in Lotus 1-2-3 basic applications, including sessions on the bureau-developed FSR, payroll, cruising data and other administrative functions. The program was highly useful and eagerly attended.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Publishable wordage increased to 1,248,590, the highest level since June, as a result of the following major events in China that boosted processing from both Chinese and English sources: the 18-23 CPC National Conference of party delegates; the 4th and 5th plenums of the 12th CPC Central

Committee; and the adoption of the PRC's 7th five-year plan.

2. Okinawa again covered Beijing satellite TV on 3 September for a special live relay of a meeting marking the 40th anniversary of the victory over Japan, carried outside Hong Kong's normal coverage span. Rechecks of the Beijing TV transmissions from the 57 East Intelsat that began 1 August confirmed that Beijing now broadcasts from 0030-0332, 0400-0455, and 0530-1500 GMT, with three newscasts--the last repeated the following day.

3. The clandestine, Soviet-sponsored Ba Yi Radio that returned to the air in late August has been heard only sporadically in September. A broadcaster using one frequency previously employed by four anti-PRC clandestine radios was monitored from 9 September attempting to imitate Beijing Radio, using genuine old recorded Beijing items interspersed with new anti-PRC items. Reception on the single 7525 KHz frequency is poor, as it was when this was used by "Voice of the PLA, Radio Spark, Radio October Storm," and "Contingent of Proletarian Fighters."

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4. Editorial trainee [redacted] arrived on 17 September for his 12-week TDY under senior editor [redacted]. A revised bureau training guide was completed and forwarded to DRD at its request. Substantive review assignments for senior editors were adjusted, with [redacted] having all PRC coverage, [redacted] all Soviet coverage, and [redacted] Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam and other Asian coverage.

5. Newspaper advertising was arranged in Taipei to launch another Chinese monitor recruiting effort later this fall. The Chinese Section is now three below T/O with the departure of [redacted] on 28 September. One of the last two candidates on the short list has withdrawn.

6. Videocassette output, in the first complete month after MOD required all VSL'd tapes to be pouched, totaled 83, 2 less than August and 9 below the record of 92 in May. MOD replacements are in deficit--60 in September, only 44 in August, but local consumers replenish one-for-one.

B. Cruising

Major satellite cruising activity focused on the Soviet 80E satellite's busy SCPC/FM transponder, which was observed carrying Kabul and Hanoi voicecasts, USSR and VNA photofacsimile, Vietnamese pressfacsimile, and radioteletype transmissions from TASS, Afghanistan's Bakhtar, PAP, MTI, CTK, ADN, BTA, PTI, VNA, KCNA, OANA, SPK, and PRENSA LATINA. Kabul domestic TV was observed on another 80E transponder, and a week's sample of videotapes were pouched to MOD for analysis. No transmissions have yet been located from the new assumed Soviet 128E Raduga satellite. Okinawa provided Islamabad Unit with a list of satellites of coverage interest and receivable there with proper ROSET equipment.

C. Lateral Services

1. A new subconsumer of services provided to CG, Third Marine Division, Camp Courtney, Okinawa, was added in mid-September--the Intelligence Detachment of the 9th Marines Amphibious Brigade at Camp McTureous. The new detachment commander arranged distribution from CG Third Marine Division, after requesting bureau services.

2. Combat Task Force 76, based at Okinawa's White Beach, requested special attention by Okinawa and other Asian bureaus to anti-nuclear protests related to a U.S. naval activity planned near Perth/Fremantle, Australia, in late September and October.

3. Lt. Col. Chris Tragakis, the new chief of the Okinawa Area Field Office for U.S. Forces Japan, requested publications subscriptions on Japan after an orientation briefing at the bureau on 4 September.

4. A third Japanese-language tape requested by BBC for one of its consumers was airmailed to London in early September, part of a recurring ad hoc service going back to December 1984.

D. Technical

1. Reconfiguration of the Main Radio facilities continued, with emphasis on more effective arrangement of video monitoring and recording facilities related to the planned expansion of the cruising room. Plans call for 4 PAL/SECAM videocassette recorders and 2 NTSC/Japan VCRs, with 2 new Toshiba multistandard monitors usable on all. New carpet tile was laid in Main Radio. Work on the building expansion is to begin soon.

2. An uninterrupted power supply system was purchased locally and installed in Main Radio to back up the two bureau IBM PC's with hard-disk drives and large data files for administration and cruising. The new system provides 10 minutes of emergency power in the event of a power loss until the emergency generator starts.

3. The last of the Sony VCR's requested by MOD for its new Headquarters TV processing center were received and pouched, completing the order of material against a refund for returned Sony equipment.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT 1. New bureau Electronics Specialist [redacted] arrived PCS on 30 September after home leave following a tour at Gulf Bureau, to replace [redacted] now scheduled to depart 30 October.

STAT 2. MOD staff cruiser trainees [redacted] arrived 30 September for 8 weeks of TDY training focused on satellite cruising.

STAT 3. Vietnamese monitor [redacted] has now received Letters of Introduction for both his mother and son from the Bangkok Orderly Departure Program office, after timely intercession by Bangkok's Acting Chief [redacted]. [redacted] hopes to expedite emigration of his mother and remaining son to the United States.

STAT 4. Bureau librarian [redacted] was presented a special achievement award, including 25,000 yen to be paid through the MLC system, for her development of a Republic of China biographical directory. Copies of the directory have been forwarded to Headquarters.

B. Buildings and Grounds

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1. The bureau aquired a new wide/long-bed 2-ton truck on 11 September for use in furniture moving and construction.

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2. The 4-month summer housing shuffle appears over with the arrival of [redacted] and the move of the [redacted] family into a larger house sufficient to accommodate his family which was enlarged by twins last December.

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3. Kitchen reconstruction on the third senior staff house began at Regional Engineer [redacted] house in late September. The reconstruction involves the removal of a wall that formed a little-used laundry room and the creation of a larger and brighter kitchen with dining table space. The work is being done by FBIS MLC employees, saving outside contracting costs and delays, and has won praise from Kadena AB civil engineers. A before and after photo is attached.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

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Lt. Col. Chris Tragakis, new chief, Okinawa Area Field Office/USFJ, on 4 September for tour and briefing; Hong Kong bureau chief and [redacted] 13-17 September for regional discussions; Air Force Capt. Smith and Sgt. Benner, 6990th Electronic Security Group, Electronic Combat Center, Kadena, on 17 September concerning videotape services and Headquarters addresses; [redacted] instructors [redacted] 14-28 September; [redacted] civilian employee from U.S. Naval Base, Yokosuka, 20 September for orientation and briefing; [redacted] of NEAD/Production Group, 23-26 September for orientation and discussions; and FBIS Administrative Staff deputy chief [redacted] 30 September-3 October for discussions.

From the Bureau:

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Editor [redacted] began TDY at Seoul Bureau 16 September during the absence of Deputy Chief [redacted] on EVT and for the upcoming maternity leave of editor [redacted] bureau chief and [redacted] and deputy chief attended the 23 September closing ceremonies of the U.S. Army Field Station Okinawa, at Torii Station, where it had operated since 1953; and senior editor [redacted] and [redacted] toured the PRC 7-19 September and stopped at Hong Kong Bureau for an orientation tour 20 September.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Many FBIS employees and families held a potluck picnic at the FBIS play-ground on Labor Day, 2 September; the picnic was organized by chief editor [redacted] [redacted] hosted a wedding reception 21 September for newlyweds [redacted] [redacted] is transferring to Austrian Bureau in January. Senior editor [redacted] [redacted] was the recipient of a bridal shower organized by [redacted] on 29 September in honor of [redacted] planned marriage to FBIS' [redacted]

Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Attachment
Monthly Report, Okinawa Bureau
September 1985

ENGINEERING

Equipment Received:

Receiver, Video/TV, Toshiba
Model 159X4M, 72310554, 72310569,
72310661, 72310572

Equipment Transferred:

None

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,248,590
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	469,870
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,580

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
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II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,845	39,860	176.02
	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:**CHINA**

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	650
Beijing International Service in Japanese	---
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	800
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	5,760
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	4,200
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	17,980
Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	700
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	940
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,610
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	4,130
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	9,020
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,700
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	4,210
Miscellaneous Roundups	2,700

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		549,320	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		181,580	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			1,730
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			4,940
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			1,000
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			1,970
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,140
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			1,900
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(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	2,540
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JAPAN

Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	11,740
Tokyo JPS in English	3,950
Tokyo KYODO in English	128,570
Tokyo JIJI in English	13,010
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese	14,490
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese	8,430
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English	14,800
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English	6,050
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English	11,360

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,240
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			10,860
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			150
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			17,950
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			18,680
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,030
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,800
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			100
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
 KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English			---
 MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English			5,030
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian			2,820
 TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	2,260		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	340		
Taipei CNA in English		22,000	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			2,970
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			100
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO YUEH KAN in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow to Japan in Japanese	6,280
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---
Moscow to China in Mandarin	5,080
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,970
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	4,460
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	950
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	23,450

VIETNAM

Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	100
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	27,000
Hanoi VNA in English	70,880
Hanoi VNA in French	---
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese	---
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese	---